

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA
H 34.7 | L 27.6

CHITTAGONG
H 31.8 | L 26.0

SYLHET
H 35.7 | L 25.0

RAJSHAH
H 34.5 | L 27.5

KHULNA
H 32.0 | L 26.5

BARISAL
H 32.0 | L 25.7

RANGPUR
H 35.0 | L 26.6

COX'S BAZAR
H 34.0 | L 27.0

Light to moderate rain or thunder showers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places in all the divisions in the next 24 hours till 6:00pm today. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:35pm and rises tomorrow at 05:33am.



NILADRI MURDER

Gonojagoron Mancha faction marches again for justice
DU CORRESPONDENT

A faction of Gonojagoron Mancha yesterday brought out a procession demanding arrest and trial of the killers of blogger Niladri Chattopadhyay Niloy. Some hundred people joined the procession that began in Shahbagh of the capital and also ended there after going through the Dhaka University area. The protestors chanted slogans criticising negligence of police in arresting Niloy's murderers. Imran H Sarker, spokesperson of the faction, alleged that the government was insincere in stopping the murders of free thinkers. He threatened to go for a tougher movement if police fail to arrest the culprits within Friday. He also criticised Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque for his remarks that requested bloggers to not "cross the limit".

Earlier, the faction of Gonojagoron Mancha welcomed the verdict of International Crimes Tribunal-1 which found two Bagerhat Razakars - Sheikh Sirajul Haque alias Siraj Master and Khan Akram Hossain - guilty of war crimes during the Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971.

Obituary

Former deputy general manager of Petrobangla MA Wazed died at the capital's Birdem hospital yesterday. He was 72. He also worked for the Power Development Board, and taught at Dhaka Polytechnic Institute.



Not only has the footpath around Dhaka Trade Centre been made part of the market at the capital's Gulistan, but hawkers occupy the road as well. Though the new mayor of Dhaka's south promised to free the space for pedestrians by rehabilitating the small traders, no effective step has been seen yet. The photo was taken on Thursday.

PHOTO: STAR

Rajuk, Chinese firm sign MoU for Dhaka elevated highway

13-kilometre stretch to connect Shantinagar, Keraniganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rajuk yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding with a Chinese construction company to build a 13km elevated highway connecting the capital's Shantinagar with Jheelmil residential area in Keraniganj across Buriganga.

The Chittagong Development Authority also signed a similar MoU with China Railway Construction Corporation Limited (CRCC) to construct 18km extension of the Bahaddarhat flyover to connect Lalkhan Bazar with the airport in Chittagong.

The proposed Shantinagar-Jheelmil flyover would not only help ease traffic in

the capital city, but also link the Padma Bridge with the capital, said GM Jainal Abedin Bhuiya, chairman of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk).

Without any idea about when the construction of the elevated highway would start, Bhuiya said the immediate next phase of it is to carry out the feasibility study to determine funding and tendering of the flyover.

A great advantage in building the flyover is that it would not require acquisition of any private land as it would be built along the existing road and go above the Babubazar Buriganga Bridge across the river, he said.

Md Abdur Rahman, Rajuk board mem-

ber for development, and Hu Fan, CRCC vice president, signed the MoU. Jasim Uddin, chief engineer at Chittagong Development Authority, signed for extension of Bahaddarhat flyover.

Abdus Salam, chairman of Chittagong Development Authority, was present among other high officials.

Earlier, the MoUs were scheduled for signing on August 10 in presence of the Housing and Public Works minister Mosharraf Hossain at the Bangladesh Secretariat. It, however, was deferred, as the MoU drafts had "some flaws", said officials.

The CRCC is a leading state-owned construction and engineering enterprise of China.

Palak pins hope on youths for establishing social values

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It is the youths who would have to take the responsibility for establishing a society with better values, Zunaid Ahmed Palak, state minister for information and communication technology, said yesterday.

Big challenges that lie ahead of youths are ensuring everyone's safety in the future and a society free from arms, drugs and pornography, he told a roundtable at Bangla daily Prothom Alo's office in the capital.

Prothom Alo and United Nations Population Fund jointly organised the programme titled "International Youth Day: We Build an Enriched Future". The state minister said in every 12 seconds a new Facebook account is opened in Bangladesh and the total number of its users in the country is over 1.5 crore.

He urged youths to attach more importance to their textbooks, apart from browsing the social networking site alone.

Referring to Bangladesh's teenage fast bowling sensation Mustafizur Rahman, Arif Khan Joy, deputy minister for youth and sports, said real talents are often hidden in villages and "we have to dig them out".

At the programme, Masrafe Bin Mortaza, ODI captain of Bangladesh's cricket team, said excessive use of Facebook, and drugs were having a negative impact on some youths.

He said in some cases girls are deprived of their education and urged the parents to send them to school properly.

NEWS IN brief

Constitutionally recognise Adivasi: Adivasi Parishad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Jatiya Adivasi Parishad yesterday demanded that their constitutional recognition as "indigenous" be ensured as they have their own language, culture and heritage.

At a discussion, held in Miapara Public Library auditorium in Rajshahi city marking International Indigenous Day, indigenous leaders also demanded that the state also observe International Indigenous Day which is on August 9.

Renowned litterateur Prof Hasan Azizul Haque attended the discussion as the chief guest.

Bangladeshi expatriate in Saudi Arabia dies in road accident

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Bangladeshi expatriate in Saudi Arabia was killed in a road accident near Medina airport on Monday night while he was driving his car.

Md Hamid Ullah, 31, of Chittagong's Lohagara upazila, used to run a small business in Medina.

His elder brother Kafi Kamal, a senior reporter of the Bangla daily Manabzamin, confirmed the news.

Hamid left behind his wife and a seven-year-old son.

CU protests child repression

CU CORRESPONDENT

Teachers and students of Chittagong University yesterday formed a human chain protesting against the escalating repression of children, including Rakibul Islam and Samiul Islam Rajon murders, in the country.

Terming the murders barbaric, Dr Alauddin, chairman of anthropology department that organised the programme on the CU Central Shaheed Minar premises, demanded immediate and exemplary punishment for the perpetrators.

Ruet students seek

FROM PAGE 4 required credits, got their credits by completing short courses in their final year.

Addressing reporters on campus, Vice Chancellor Prof Rafiqul Alam Beg said the system was introduced in 2013 for the students' own good and their demand for withdrawing it is illogical.

However, he said they would consider the demand. Out of 725 students, only 29 could not manage the required credits in the ongoing academic session due to their own failures, he said.

Medical students keep

FROM PAGE 4 of the medical colleges. The carry on system was suspended after the BMDC announced a new curriculum in 2013.

Dr Rowshad Ali, vice principal of RMC, said on an average around 40 per cent his students fail in one subject in every professional exam but the carry on system, which was introduced following a study, helped them continue their study comfortably.

DU statistics teacher wins

FROM PAGE 4 were Prof Abdus S Wahed of the University of Pittsburgh, USA, and Prof Wasimul Bari, Dhaka University, said a DU press release.

The Jan Tinbergen Awards are named after the famous Dutch economist Jan Tinbergen (1903-1994) who won the Nobel economics prize in 1969.

In addition to a cash prize, generously provided by the Dutch "Stichting Internationaal Statistisch Studiefonds", the winners receive support to enable their participation in the next International Statistical Institute (ISI) World Statistics Congress and present their winning papers.

Jaman graduated in applied statistics from ISRT, DU.

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FROM PAGE 3 whisk them away in a microbus.

The arrestees are Arifuzzaman Sharif, Ripon, Ruble, Mizanur Rahman, Rafiqul Islam, Inuddin, Helal and Uzzal.

Of them, Arifuzzaman was arrested earlier but reengaged with the crime after his release on bail, police said.



Students of Jokhon Tokhon School of Ain o Salish Kendra perform a dance routine in Chhayanaut auditorium in the capital yesterday on the 78th birth anniversary of Barrister Salma Sobhan, one of the founders of ASK.

PHOTO: STAR

CONGRATULATIONS DHAKA DIVISION SPELLERS!

Hello participants from Dhaka Division! Those who have qualified for the Dhaka B Divisional Round, be at the Institution of Diploma Engineers, Kakrail, Dhaka on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 11:00 AM sharp.

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